

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A file management method of managing file format data recorded on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

5 having at least two different pieces of file management information;

 treating second file management information as a file on first file management information;

 previously recording a first anchor descriptor
10 indicative of a recording position of the first file management information; and

 recording a second anchor descriptor indicative of a recording position of the second file management information after file update.

15 2. The file management method according to claim 1, wherein there is provided file attribute information on the first file management information where the second file management information is recorded, and the attribute information is appended by an attribute signifying that the
20 file is file management information.

 3. The file management method according to claim 1, wherein a predetermined specific file name is attached to a file for the first file management information where the second file management information is recorded.

25 4. A file management method of managing file format

data recorded on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

having at least two different pieces of file management information;

5 treating a plurality of files managed by second file management information as one file on first file management information;

previously recording a first anchor descriptor indicative of a recording position of the first file management information; and

10 recording a second anchor descriptor indicative of a recording position of the second file management information after file update.

5. The file management method according to claim 4, wherein there is provided file attribute information
15 on the first file management information which handles the plurality of files managed by the second file management information, and the attribute information is appended by an attribute signifying that the files are file management information.

20 6. The file management information according to claim 4

wherein a predetermined specific file name is attached to a file on the first file management information which handles the plurality of files managed by the second file management
25 information.

7. A file management method of managing file format data recorded on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

having at least two different pieces of file management information;

5 treating second file management information and a plurality of files managed by the second file management information as one file on first file management information;

previously recording a first anchor descriptor indicative of a recording position of the first file management information; and
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recording a second anchor descriptor indicative of a recording position of the second file management information after file update.

8. The file management method according to claim 7,
15 wherein there is provided file attribute information on the first file management information which records the second file management information and the plurality of files managed by the second file management information, and the attribute information is appended by an attribute signifying that the
20 files are file management information.

9. The file management method according to claim 7,
wherein a predetermined specific file name is attached to a file on the first file management information which records the second file management information and the plurality of
25 files managed by the second file management information.

10. A recording apparatus to record file format data
on a recording medium,

wherein file data is recorded in accordance with a
file management system compliant with the file management method
5 according to claim 1.

11. A reproducing apparatus to reproduce file format
data from a recording medium,

wherein file data is reproduced from a recording
medium compliant with the file management method according to
10 claim 1.

12. A reproducing apparatus to reproduce file format
data from a recording medium,

wherein, when file format data is reproduced from
a recording medium compliant with the file management method
15 according to claim 1,

the apparatus uses second file management information
to access files upon successful detection of a second anchor
descriptor;

and wherein the apparatus uses first file management
20 information to access files upon unsuccessful detection of the
second anchor descriptor.

13. A recording medium,

wherein the recording medium records file management
information compliant with the file management method according
25 to claim 1.